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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of  
David Stanley Ohn TINN  
Serial No. (unknown)  
Filed herewith  
CONNECTOR DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Cancel the abstract as originally filed and add the new abstract on the accompanying sheet.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 19 has been amended as follows:

--19. (amended) A method according to claim 16 for forming an assembly comprising an inclined hand rail, said method comprising use of said connector devices, providing a respective vertical post to extend into the bore of each of said connector devices, and the second of the two members to be inter-connected by each connection device being a three-way type connector having a through-bore, with the inclined hand rail member extending through the through-bores of a plurality

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